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## BELGRADE RETAKEN BY SERBIAN ARMY

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As the Austrians Admit Defeat to the Southwest of Valjevo, Where They Were Compelled to Make an Extended Retirement—Climatic Conditions Unfavorable to any Extensive Movement by the Opposing Forces in Belgium and France—Vienna Announces the Gain of Considerable Ground in a Northern Direction in Western Galicia—The Great Armies of Germany and Russia are Still Contending in Poland for Supremacy.

Progress along the Ypres canal is noted in the latest French official war bulletin, although the climatic conditions are unfavorable to any extensive movement by the opposing forces on the battle front in Belgium and France. The Germans have repelled the attacks of the allies and victory is reported during the past 24 hours.

An interesting feature of the French official communication is the statement that the railway station of Commercy has been captured by the German batteries from a great distance. Commercy lies about seven miles to the south of St. Mihiel.

A Reuter despatch from Nish says that the Servian army after a long battle, have recaptured Belgrade. The Servian capital was taken by the Austrians on December 2nd after a siege of several months. If this report proves true, the Servians are apparently sweeping all before them, as the Austrians admit defeat at the hands of the Servians to the southwest of Valjevo, where they were compelled to make an extended retirement.

On the other hand Vienna announces the gain of considerable ground in a northern direction in western Galicia, where the Austrians have repelled the attacks of the Servians advancing through the Carpathians. The Argentinian minister of marine has received information that two British warships have entered the Strait of Magellan in pursuit of the German cruiser Dresden, which is reported to have arrived at Punta Arenas. A despatch from Santiago says that the Dresden was not damaged, and a despatch from Valparaiso says that the Dresden was not damaged.

### VIOLENT ARTILLERY DUEL

IN UPPER ALSACE

Firing Lasted from 11 a. m. Until Late in the Afternoon.

Berlin, via The Hague to London, Dec. 14, 9:50 p. m.—Despatches from the neutralized zone report that a violent artillery duel was in progress Sunday in upper Alsace, arising apparently from an attempt by the French to capture the town of Altkirch. The firing lasted from 11 o'clock in the morning until late in the afternoon. The result of the fighting has not been reported.

The correspondent of the Zeitung Am Mittag with the Austrian general headquarters telegraphs that the battle in Poland following the capture of Lodz now is raging along a stationary front in that region. In West Galicia, the correspondent says, there have been tangible results to the Austro-German offensive, their success being shown in the withdrawal of Russian columns from the Carpathians to serve as reinforcements where they are most needed. The correspondent adds that the indication is that the next decisive step is due to take place in the Vistula plains.

### GERMAN INVASION OF POLAND HAS CEASED.

Next Movement of Russians Will Be to Outflank Enemy.

London, Dec. 15, 3:19 a. m.—A Petrograd despatch says that the German invasion of Poland has ceased. The German army reached its high water mark last Saturday. Having failed to undermine and overthrow the Russian wall, the invasion has now ceased to prevent a further invasion in Poland, and interest is stimulated in the next move of the Russian staff, which a few days ago intimated that the Russian army was ready to retire to more favorable positions behind Warsaw.

### GERMAN OFFICERS WHO HAD VIOLATED PAROLE

Returned to Holland Under Orders of Their Government.

Zevenaar, Holland, via London, Dec. 14, 9:50 p. m.—Two German officers who had been war prisoners here and who had violated their parole by escaping across the border into Germany, returned here today under orders of their government to do so. The officers reported to the commanding officer at the internment camp at Bergen, where they were interned until the end of the war. Before the violation of their parole, they had the privilege of free movement.

### British Warships After the Dresden.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 14.—The minister of marine has been informed that two British warships have entered the Straits of Magellan in pursuit of the

### Cabled Paragraphs

16 Grain Steamers Detained

London, Dec. 15, 2:30 a. m.—A despatch from Buenos Ayres says that 16 grain steamers have been detained by the British in the Indian Ocean, and that the German converted cruiser Cormoran has entered the Gulf of Guayaquil, within the Ladrone archipelago.

### German Merchantman Captured in Indian Ocean.

Tokio, Dec. 15, 10:50 a. m.—It is reported here that the German armed merchantman Oshoro has been captured by the British in the Indian Ocean, and that the German converted cruiser Cormoran has entered the Gulf of Guayaquil, within the Ladrone archipelago.

### Petrograd Without Water.

London, Dec. 15, 1:11 a. m.—A despatch to Reuter's Telegram company from Petrograd says that the city is without water owing to the blocking of the Neva river by ice. Factories are shutting down and the city shops and bath houses are also closing. The people are fearful that a fire break out would be disastrous.

### STEPS FOR RETIREMENT OF EMERGENCY CURRENCY

Issued on Commercial Paper Shortly After Outbreak of European War.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Steps were taken today by the federal reserve board to make retirement of emergency currency issued on commercial paper shortly after the outbreak of the European war more attractive to banks. The board approved a reduction of the discount rate of the federal bank of Atlanta to five per cent on thirty day maturities, five and one-half per cent on sixty day maturities, and six per cent on longer maturities. At the same time the other eleven banks were notified of this action, with the comment that they also must make such rates.

### CELEBRATION OF OPENING OF THE PANAMA CANAL

Federal Authorities Are Working Out Details of Plan.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Secretary Garrison of the war department, Assistant Secretary Phillips of the navy department, and Assistant Secretary Roosevelt of the navy department, are again today on plans for the government celebration of the opening of the Panama canal and the San Francisco exposition.

### REDCROSS MISSION WORKERS IN BELGRADE

Virtually in Charge of All Hospital Facilities There.

Washington, Dec. 14.—American Red Cross mission workers in Belgrade are in charge virtually of all the hospital facilities of the Servian capital. The American minister at Bucharest in telegraphic dispatches received by the Red Cross headquarters here tonight reported that the general military hospital, the general civil hospital, and the general Servian doctors and druggists had been placed under the protection of Dr. Ryan, in charge of the Red Cross mission work in the capital.

### OBITUARY.

Miss Catherine M. Cohen.

Philadelphia, Dec. 14.—Miss Catherine M. Cohen, a sculptor, widely known in this country and Europe, died at her home here today. She was 55 years old and had studied under famous masters both here and abroad. "Dawn of Thought" and "Vision" were among her better known works.

### HUNDREDS SEEK SHELTER FROM COLD IN NEW YORK.

At Midnight 1,300 Were in the Municipal Lodging House.

New York, Dec. 14.—A fierce wind and a temperature below zero below the freezing point tonight drove hundreds of shivering persons to the shelter of municipal institutions here. At midnight 1,300 persons had sought the municipal lodging houses on East 12th street, including 77 women and 12 children. The authorities there expect about 1,500 applicants before daybreak.

### SERVED ONLY FOUR YEARS FOR THEFTS OF \$300,000.

Bay State Legislative Investigation to Be Asked of Pardon of John A. Hall.

Boston, Dec. 14.—Legislative investigation of the recent pardon granted to John A. Hall, the South Boston Savings Bank wrecker, will be asked at the next session of the legislature. The investigation is being conducted by Representative Robert A. Washburn of the facts attendant upon the pardon of Hall. The pardon is not critical, but simply to ascertain the truth.

### Chicago Closes New Year's Celebration.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Noise-making instruments and confetti and other disturbing devices will be barred from Chicago's streets New Year's eve, but persons desiring to celebrate may shout or sing to their hearts' content. This announcement was officially made by Mayor Harrison today and was accompanied by a statement that cafes and restaurants could dispense liquor only up to 3 a. m. that night.

### Alcans Firing Across Border

NOTWITHSTANDING THE WARNING FROM PRESIDENT WILSON

To Carry Out Instructions to Shell Mexicans Unless Firing Ceases—Belief is That President Wilson Will Wait Another Day.

### ARTILLERY IN READINESS

Intermittent Firing Continues.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Although both provisional President Guiterrez and General Carranza assured the American government that their forces have been instructed to confine their fire to Mexican territory, nothing official had been received today to indicate the receipt of such instructions by the respective commanders at Naco.

### Alaska Coal is of Good Quality

SECY DANIELS TELLS HOUSE NAVAL COMMITTEE

WAS TESTED ON CRUISER

Adequate Supply as Soon as Transportation Facilities are Available—Gardner Continues His Quest for Hearing.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Formal announcement of successful naval tests of coal from the government-owned Matanuska fields in Alaska was made today by Secretary Daniels before the naval committee of the house. Trials by the cruiser Maryland about ten days ago, Mr. Daniels said, had demonstrated that the Matanuska fields were good for fuel and pointed the way to an adequate supply of fuel on the Pacific coast as soon as transportation facilities are available.

### Alaska Coal For Government Use.

The results of this test, over which navy officials have been quietly working for nearly two weeks, were particularly gratifying because of the pointing experiments with coal from the Bering fields a year ago had dimmed hopes that the rich deposits in Alaska ultimately would meet all of the government's demands for fuel on the west coast.

### Daniel's Last Day Before Committee.

Mr. Daniels spent his fourth and last day before the committee, explaining the need of the navy in connection with the preparation of the annual appropriation bill and answering questions on every phase of the national defense. He told of the proposal for building a half million dollar projectile plant at Philadelphia or Indian Head, Md., admitted that it was no secret to the navy that the supply of shells for the great guns of the battleships was inadequate and gave his views at length upon the reply to the question.

### Hobson Enters Controversy.

Captain Winterhalter, the secretary's aid for materials, was questioned about submarines and had quite an argument with Representative Hobson of Alabama over war scares. Captain Winterhalter said that he was unable to see international dangers ahead of the American people. Then the congressman told the committee of a "sore" last year that put the American garrison in the Philippines in a state of siege.

### GENERAL CARRANZA IS PREPARING A PROTEST.

Against any Action of American Troops at Naco.

Trooscoote, N. S. p. m.—General Carranza is preparing a protest, supplemental to his recent note to the American government, against any action by American troops at Naco. He emphasizes the fact that he would regard as hostile any attempt of the United States by force to interfere on the international border where several Americans have been killed or wounded by Mexican bullets.

### PHYSICIANS, SURGEONS AND PHARMACISTS ORGANIZE

For Relief of People in Same Professions in Belgium.

New York, Dec. 14.—A movement was completed today for the organization of physicians, surgeons and pharmacists of the United States, for the relief of the people of the same professions in Belgium. This was announced tonight at the local offices of the American Commission for the Relief of Belgium.

### TO CEASE FIRING AT NACO

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### BURGLARS OPERATING IN WESTERN CONNECTICUT.

Get \$1,000 Worth of Silverware From a Residence at Stamford.

Stamford, Conn., Dec. 14.—The house of Charles E. Smith of Strawberry Hill was robbed during the night of about \$1,000 worth of silverware, and of other articles. There is no clue.

### 26 DEGREE TEMPERATURE IN CENTRAL FLORIDA.

Orange Growers Are Working to Protect Their Groves.

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 14.—Weather bureau forecasts of a 26 degree temperature tonight in central Florida set orange growers to work in efforts to protect their groves. A temperature that low would seriously damage the crop, officers of the Florida citrus exchange said.

### Condensed Telegrams

Accidents in the Panama Canal construction have cost 1,219 lives.

A \$54,000 fire destroyed the News-Times newspaper plant at Gisham, Ind.

It is estimated there are 4,258,000 tons of iron ore in the United States.

Thomas Kieselger, 16, of Wabash, Ind., died in his home as a result of eating raw pork.

John D. Rockefeller purchased 50,000 Red Cross seals to aid the anti-tuberculosis campaign.

Mrs. Payne Whitney of New York, has bought the portrait of Robert Lowell Stevenson for \$4,800.

A slot machine has been invented for checking umbrellas, canes and small packages, in public places.

The S. S. St. Paul of the American Line sailed with a record Christmas mail of nearly 9,000 sacks.

An order for knapsacks worth \$500,000, has been placed with a factory in St. Louis by the British government.

The steamship Neches left Bush Terminal, Brooklyn, for Rotterdam, with 4,000 tons of food for the Belgians.

Secretary McAdoo will represent President Wilson at the opening of the San Diego, Cal., exposition December 31.

A codfish dragged Ernest Morrock of 330 Federal Government employees from the steamer Augusta at the Chocoma Banks.

President Wilson was presented with a gold medal in recognition of his recent donation to the Red Cross bazaar in New York.

James Ramsay MacDonald, member of Parliament and Chairman of the Labor party, has gone to the front with an ambulance corps.

The French artists' fraternity will cast a bronze medallion as a souvenir of the quick and generous assistance given to it by Americans.

During the past five years more than 14,000 Federal Government employees who have met with accidents have been paid a total of \$1,802,323.

The Chinese minister called at the State Department today to express the sympathy of his government on the death of William W. Rockhill.

John Ernout, who confessed in Monticello, Sullivan County, to setting fire to the Krause Hotel was sentenced to serve fifteen years in prison.

Mrs. Lena Schreiber of New York, an attendant in an apartment house, was instantly killed when a dumb waiter fell, pinning her beneath it.

A herd of seventy-four hogs owned by Ad Hill, of White Township, Indiana, Pa., was killed by garbage which contained pieces of broken glass.

Members of the sophomore class at Princeton University are endeavoring to raise \$100,000 by the first of the year for the proposed university dining hall.

Ferdinand Tremore of Fort Providence, Alaska, walked 1,300 miles to the nearest railway station in order to report for military service.

The International Hotel, of Virginia City, Nev., famed as the home of men who dug their millions from the depths of the Comstock mines, was destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Nathan Kelmenson, of Manhattan, died a victim against the Metropolitan Opera House of \$400 for being roughly dispossessed from a seat on April 12.

The Progressive State Committee of Boston voted to keep up its party organization and work in that state, notwithstanding reverses suffered in the last election.

The November report of Receiver George Dodge of the Pennsylvania Manufacturing Company shows receipts of \$1,444 for the month and a cash balance of \$139,334 on hand.

While drilling for oil deposits near Sissonville, W. Va., oil operators struck what is said to be the largest gas well in America. It is spouting 44,000,000 feet of gas a day.

Secretary Bryan reiterated yesterday his determination to seek ratification during the present session of congress of the Nicaragua canal treaty and the Colombian indemnity treaty.

The torpedo boat destroyer Cushing will be launched at the yards of her builders at Quincy, Mass. The boat was ordered by the navy department from the Fore River Shipbuilding Co., Quincy, Mass.

Two new revenue cutters, one to cost \$250,000 and the other \$200,000, and the other to cost \$110,000 for anchors, will be ordered by the navy department.

For alleged slanderous language in the special sessions courtroom in Elizabeth, N. J., Chief County Detective John A. Galusha, sued J. Victor D'Alota, a Newark lawyer for \$500.

While Theodore Meskey was driving his runabout car along the State road near North Salem, N. Y., a deer, dashing across the roadway, struck on the wheels, averting the car into a ditch.

Two hundred Boy Scouts searched every foot of the Wild Eagle Rock Reservation or Orange, N. J., in an effort to find some trace of Mrs. Walter W. Breck who disappeared December 4.

Increased railroad passenger fares between St. Louis, Mo., Chicago, Ill., and other similarly located cities and points in the eastern territory east of the Buffalo-Pittsburgh line, becomes effective at midnight.

The Merchants and Miners Line steamer Itasca, which formerly ran between Philadelphia, Pa., and Boston, has been sold to Captain Theodore Krum of Boston for trade between Boston and Maine ports.

Aldi Madl, who was shot Friday night by her chum, Lizzie Bado, at Bridgeport, who committed suicide, is holding her own, but recovery is yet uncertain. Her condition is such that the two bullets in her head and one in her abdomen have not been probed.

### Explosion Wrecks Tenement House

SEVEN KILLED, NINE INJURED AT CLEVELAND.

CONCUSSION WAS HEAVY

Windows Were Broken for a Block Around and Persons Thrown Off Their Feet—Believed to Be Gas Explosion.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 14.—Five members of one family and two unidentified girls were killed tonight, nine others—four men, a woman and four children—were seriously injured; two women and five children are missing, and a dozen others were injured by the gas explosion in a two-story apartment building at 11,616 Madison avenue in the foreign section of the city. Two of the missing children are believed to be the unidentified girls in the morgue.

Windows in a block around were broken and persons in a drug store across the street were thrown off their feet and injured by broken glass.

The exact cause of the explosion has not been ascertained. A strong odor of escaping gas had been noticed in the first floor of the apartment and it is supposed the escaping gas became ignited in the dark room.

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